

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on January 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 16, SB 23, SB 56, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: SB 16

00:00:24 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan.

HEARING ON SB 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 16**,
6-mill levy for university system referendum.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:34 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner Higher Education

EXHIBIT(eds04a01)

00:07:24 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:08:03 Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction

00:08:48 Denver Henderson, President, Student Body of MSU

00:10:10 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators
of Montana

00:10:38 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:11:02 Jessica LaRoche, Student Lobbyist, U of M, Bozeman

00:11:49 Mike Halligan, Washington Corporations

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:53 None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:00 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:08 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:15 Sen. Hawks

00:13:33

HEARING ON SB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:42 **SEN. LYNDA MOSS (D), SD 26**, opened the hearing on **SB 23**, Add professionals to quality educator payment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:14 Madalyn Quinlan, on behalf of Superintendent, Linda McCulloch

EXHIBIT (eds04a02)

00:18:27 Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby

00:19:19 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director of Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (eds04a03)

00:22:37 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:23:02 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:23:29 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

00:24:18 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:12 None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:27 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:38 Sen. Story for Ms. Quinlan

00:27:36 Chairman Ryan for Sen. Moss

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:10 Sen. Moss

00:29:00 Sen. Kitzenberg assumed the chair for Chairman Ryan to present SB 56.

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:18 **SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 56**, Retirement fund to pay costs for school employees paid with federal funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:04 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT (eds04a04)

00:35:51 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director of the Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (eds04a05)

00:39:40 Mary Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, Browning, Montana

00:42:58 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:44:22 Darrell Rud, Schools Administrators of Montana

00:46:03 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:49:43 Linda Brannon, MASBO/IISM

00:50:56 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Office

00:51:31 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Public Schools, Helena, Montana

00:53:44 Gwyn Andersen, Browning Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:18 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:58:28 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:41 Sen. McGee for Ms. Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers
Association

01:00:07 Sen. McGee for Sen. Ryan

01:00:45 Sen. Peterson for Curt Nichols

01:03:19 Sen. Peterson for Sen. Ryan

01:09:17 Sen. Elliott for Mr. Standard

01:11:12 Sen. Story for Bruce Messinger

01:14:29 Sen. Story for Mary Johnson, Superintendent from
Browning

01:16:19 Sen. Story for Madeline Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office
of Public Instruction

01:21:33 Sen. Story for Ms. Lombardi, Governor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:30 Sen. Ryan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16

01:25.00 **Motion/Vote: SEN. JUNEAU moved that SB 16 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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